

Meeting Minutes
Commission for a Drug Free Indiana
Commission Meeting
November 16th, 2005
10:00am-2:00pm

Commission Members in Attendance: Chairman John von Arx, Jeff Barber, Steve Camilleri, Steve Clouse, Sheriff Mark Frisbie, Dr. Tim Kelly, Melissa Long, Andrea Marshall, Ryan McCann, Rep. Luke Messer, Dr. Wyatt Mullinax, Don Parker, Paula Parker-Sawyers

Commission Member Absent: Jimmy Lyons, Senator Dennis Kruse, County Commissioner Bill McCormick, Mike Cunegin, Senator Earline Rogers, Representative Vernon Smith

Governor's Office in Attendance: Jason Barclay, Special Counsel and Policy Director

ICJI Staff in Attendance: Deputy Director of Policy and Research, Jason Hutchens, Research Associate, Amanda Thornton, Director of the Traffic Safety Division, Dan Jeffries, Director of the Drug & Crime Control Division, Steven King, Assistant Director, Sonya Cleveland, Program Assistant, Jessica Orr.

Community Consultants in Attendance: Jen Bushore, Kim Linkel, Tim Retherford, Janet Whitfield-Hyduk, Pat Wiers

Other Special Guests in Attendance: Northeast Regional Advisory Board participants: Jim Starkey, Elkhart County LCC, Jim Smith, Elkhart Health Department, Lamar Koontz, LaPorte LCC Coordinator, Beth Baker, St. Joseph LCC Chairperson, Jerry and Wendy Hughes, Jasper LCC Coordinators

Call to Order: Chairman John von Arx called the Commission meeting to order. The Chairman introduced Jason Barclay and thanked him for his attendance.

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman John von Arx welcomed and introduced Ryan McCann, Jeff Barber, and Paula Parker-Sawyers as the newly appointed members to the Governor's Commission. The Chairman asked Ryan, Jeff, and Paula to share her background and interests in the areas of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Ryan McCann serves as the Director of Communications and Public Policy at the Indiana Family Institute. Ryan received his Bachelor of Science from Indiana Wesleyan University, majoring in Political Science, History and Pre- Law. Ryan recently earned his Master of Arts in Government from Regent University. Ryan manages the day to day operations of the Institute as well as the website, IFI e-Family Update e-mail, research projects and public policy activities.

Jeff Barber serves as the Safe and Drug Free Schools coordinator for the Department of Education. The Safe and Drug Free Schools program provides funding for prevention programs for schools within the state of Indiana. Jeff stated that working with youth and the school corporations plays an important role in the Governor's Commission.

Paula Parker-Sawyers is the Executive Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. She has served as the Deputy Mayor for Indianapolis and brings experience and dedication to the Commission. Paula received a Bachelor's in Political Science and a Master's in Non-Profit Management. Paula stated that she has a deep passion for youth and the drug issues that occur within the state of Indiana.

Chairman John von Arx, once again, welcomed the new members to the Commission. The Chairman stated that two additional members have been appointed, Mike Cunegin, County

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Councilman from Allen County, and Dr. Wyatt Mullinax, from Ft. Wayne. The Chairman also wanted to recognize Senator Earline Rogers for winning the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce Award for 2005 government leader of the year.

Approval of Minutes: The Chairman discussed and reviewed the meeting minutes from September 21st and October 19th. Melissa Long motioned to approve the minutes and Don Parker seconded the motion.

Meth Free Indiana Update: Steven King stated that Meth Watch training has been completed across the state and the kits have been distributed by local police officers. In Marion and Hamilton County, Indiana State Police and the local Sheriffs Department are teaming up to pass out the kits to local retailers. On November 29th, Montgomery and Tippecanoe County are working with the Local Coordinating Councils to teach and distribute the kits. The Meth Watch kits are free advertising tools for all counties to utilize to decrease the production of meth across the state of Indiana.

Steve expressed concern that funding this session for the Drug and Crime Control Division may take a significant cut. The Byrne JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) may be cut up to 40%. The JAG program is important for local law enforcement agencies to receive equipment. The funding cuts are being diminished across the nation, not just for the state of Indiana.

Paula Parker-Sawyers asked if the Meth kits were only being distributed to retailers. Steven King stated that retailers are only receiving the kits in order to focus on the types of products being sold and used as precursors in the production of meth. Meth is becoming more of a drug trafficking issue than ever before. Crystallized meth is being transported and delivered across state lines into the state of Indiana. Melissa Long mentioned that Congressman Souder has arranged for a Federal Representative to come to Indiana to announce the funding for a Drug Free America media blitzes. Steven King stated that up to \$3 million dollars will be used for media campaigns to decrease the drug use within the state of Indiana.

The Midwest Governor's Association Meth Summit is progressing and moving forward. It will be taking place on December 13th-15th at the Westin Hotel, downtown Indianapolis. December 13th is the arrival dates for all Governors' and their delegates. Thirteen states have been invited to attend. A reception will be held on the 13th to welcome those that have attended. December 14th-15th will be the informational portion of the Summit. On December 14th, the attendees will be visiting the meth facility in Miami County.

Indiana Meth Repository:

Jason Hutchens announced that ICJI has formed a partnership with the Center (IUPUI) to develop a statewide Meth Repository. The Repository will contain comprehensive information regarding any type of Meth data. Amanda Thornton stated that currently, ICJI and the Center are surveying agencies about data collection. Local, state, and Federal partners will be involved to establish collection information or problem areas for the Repository. The Center will then develop a report to finalize the findings and data collection from all agencies.

The Repository site will contain two aspects. There will be a secured site and a general public site. The secured site will be used to access protected, confidential information like the retail logs from ephedrine or pseudoephedrine sales. The general public site will be a web-

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based format with a link to resources and useful information regarding education, prevention, law enforcement, and treatment efforts that are taking place within the state of Indiana.

Paula Parker-Sawyers questioned whether the data that is being collected will be raw numbers or narrative reports. Amanda Thornton responded that the data will be all inclusive to include both quantitative and qualitative data related to meth. The Repository will have GIS mapping capabilities with statistical analysis on the local and statewide level. Jason Hutchens stated at the next Commission meeting, Amanda will be presenting the information and answering questions.

Sheriff Frisbie suggested adding the "book-in" data to the Repository. Andrea Marshall stated that the state has a significant problem with gathering data for accurate records. Steven King responded that money through justice assistance programs is contingent upon our statistical data. Other states have a single reporting form making the data collection process easier and more effective.

NHTSA dollars:

Dan Jeffries, Traffic Safety Division Director, stated that for the Governor's Commission and ICJI to receive NHTSA dollars, meth has to be traffic-safety related. The police blitzes that are taking place do find meth precursors or evidence of meth use, but are not recording or documenting the information. Dan stated that training could also be provided to teach officers how to spot precursors or users and abusers of meth during a routine traffic stop. Andrea Marshall stated that the holiday time period increases the use of drugs. She asked if it would be too late to implement training for officers during routine traffic stops. Dan Jeffries stated that it is too late in the season to establish any type of training before the holidays. Dan Jeffries expressed that 37 counties account for 70% of the fatalities.

Sheriff Frisbie stated that the state is gearing up to train officers in the state for criminal interdiction. Putnam, Knox, and Carroll are being used as test counties and have not seen a meth lab in four months. He also agreed that most counties are starting to embrace Meth Watch and moving the program right along.

Chairman John von Arx introduced Dr. Wyatt Mullinax from Ft. Wayne. Dr. Mullinax arrived late due to scheduling conflicts. The Chairman asked Dr. Mullinax to share with the Commission his role and background with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Dr. Mullinax has served in the area of counseling with addicted clients. He has provided training for the Department of Correction counselors and sees the everyday need for treatment and enforcement. Dr. Mullinax stated that he was excited to be a part of the active Commission.

The Commission was dismissed for a short break to gather lunch.

Old Business:

Commission Sub-Committees:

Chairman John von Arx stated that there will be Policy/Operations, Strategic Planning, Legislative, Youth, and Communications subcommittees. Each subcommittee listed below will be responsible for the following items/issues:

Operations Subcommittee:

- ❖ Focus on the interagency council on drugs
- ❖ Coordinate with local coordinating council activities
- ❖ Develop performance standards and the roles and responsibilities of the local coordinating councils & community consultants

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- ❖ Collection of local and statewide data
- ❖ Approval/disapproval of the Comprehensive Community Plans
- ❖ Members of the subcommittee:
 - Chairman- Bill McCormick
 - Sheriff Frisbie
 - Ryan McCann
 - Don Parker
 - Dr. Mullinax
 - Kim Linkel
 - Rep. Messer

Strategic Planning Subcommittee:

- ❖ Long-term and short-term
- ❖ Develop a strategic plan for the Commission as an active group
- ❖ Members of the subcommittee:
 - Chairman- Dr. Tim Kelly
 - Steve Camilleri
 - Ryan McCann
 - Mike Cunegin
 - Jeff Barber
 - Lin Montgomery
 - Sen. Kruse

Legislative Subcommittee:

- ❖ Develop policy recommendations to the legislature
- ❖ See that the policy recommendations become law
- ❖ Members of the subcommittee:
 - Chairman-Steve Clouse
 - Sheriff Frisbie
 - Sen. Kruse
 - Don Parker
 - Sen. Rogers
 - Mike Cunegin
 - Rep. Messer
 - Tim Retherford
 - Rep. Smith

Youth Subcommittee:

- ❖ Focus on youth efforts within the areas of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

Communication Subcommittee (tentative):

- ❖ Connects with all subcommittees
- ❖ Develop media relations, publications, etc...
- ❖ Communicates at the local level with the local coordinating councils
- ❖ Members of the subcommittee:
 - Chairwomen- Andrea Marshall
 - Jim Lyons
 - Jeff Barber
 - Paula Parker-Sawyers
 - Dr. Mullinax
 - Jen Bushore
 - Sen. Rogers

Communications Subcommittee:

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- ❖ Prepare and releases highlighting the efforts, success, initiatives of Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana
- ❖ Identify opportunities to promote the Commission statewide
- ❖ Develop a quarterly newsletter and brochure for the Commission
- ❖ Members of the subcommittee:
 - Chairwoman- Melissa Long
 - Steve Camilleri
 - Jim Lyons
 - Paula Parker-Sawyers
 - Rep. Smith
 - Rebecca Smith

Five Community Consultants have been selected to serve on the subcommittees. The Consultants will be utilized to bring the local perspective and experience. Each subcommittee will need to determine how to meet monthly. Conference by phone is accessible through ICJI. Jeff Barber suggested that meeting every other month may be better considering each member will be serving on two subcommittees.

Melissa Long agreed that making Community Consultants a part of the subcommittees will be beneficial. The Consultants will be able to provide information regarding successful and unsuccessful county programs and problems. Andrea Marshall stated that "prevention" needs to be redefined to establish a clear definition of what a drug prevention program consists of.

Chairman John von Arx stated that in the next session, suggestions will be made to change the statute to eliminate any discrepancies.

Inter Agency Council on Drugs:

Chairman John von Arx stated that IC 5-2-11 calls on the Commission to coordinate the Council. Currently, the Council does not exist in any fashion that is applicable with the statute. The Inter Agency Council will need to be further researched and examined to establish the need and the formation of the Council in the future.

Youth Update:

Jen Bushore, Community Consultant in the West Central Region, spoke on behalf of Michelle Tennell with the youth update. A press release was provided for all Commission members to view regarding the success of the ICJI Youth Summit. Jen stated that the Youth committee for ICJI is made up of six Community Consultants, the Indiana state SADD coordinator and ICJI's Youth Division Director, Michelle Tennell. Future youth events are:

- Youth Legislative Day- January 24th, 2006
- Middle School Summit- February 20th-22nd, 2006

New Business:

Monthly Reports:

Sonya Cleveland briefed the Commission members on the status of the reporting tools for the Community Consultants and 92 counties. Jessica Orr stated that the Monthly Reports consists of an Individual Consultant Report and a County Report. Each report is turned in once a month to Sonya for data entry. Currently, Sonya and Jessica are reviewing proposals for data base development with the Monthly Reports. Jessica stated that the Monthly Reports will be accessed offsite for the Consultants' convenience. Analysis and reports will

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be developed in a comprehensive manner monthly, semi-annually, and annual regarding both county and Consultant progress.

Northeast Regional Advisory Board:

Members from the Northeast Regional Advisory Board presented and spoke on behalf of their counties. Below is each individual and county representation:

- ❖ Jim Starkey- Elkhart County LCC
 - Elkhart County is now meeting monthly
 - The collaboration between counties is crucial and necessary to evaluate the success and failures of programs
 - Elkhart County enjoys the Northeast RAB for networking and meeting other people
 - A county newsletter and brochure are developed to gain participation and to create awareness
 - Elkhart County has increased the assessed fines to contribute to the local drug free communities fund
- ❖ Jerry and Wendy Hughes- Jasper County LCC
 - Jasper County is teaching “safety and survival” to young adults before attending college
 - Jasper County funds the “Pioneer Program” that helps “at-risk” children
 - Jasper County is having difficulty making sure the proper fines are assessed within the county
- ❖ Beth Baker-St. Joseph County LCC
 - St. Joseph County members are from all sectors identified within the statute
 - St. Joseph County has established speaking events to create awareness
 - St. Joseph County is trying to ensure the fines are properly assessed and collected
- ❖ Lamar Koontz- LaPorte County LCC
 - LaPorte County uses public recognition to celebrate the officer with the most DUI arrests within the county
 - LaPorte County is working with the Health Department to make drug tests available to parents
 - Monthly news columns are written to create awareness among parents of teenagers
 - LaPorte County is experiencing an increase in employees failing drug tests
- ❖ Mara Reardon- Lake County LCC
 - Lake County’s LCC is housed within the Sheriff’s Department
 - A website is being developed to create awareness and participation within the county
 - Lake County produces a newsletter of upcoming events
 - Lake County is providing trainings at local health fairs regarding the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

Chairman John von Arx asked all members of the Northeast Region to establish 3 main questions to help the Commission better assist in the local, county efforts:

1. What is the LCC’s greatest challenge?
2. How are you measuring success within your counties and LCC’s?
3. How can the Commission help you?

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The Chairman thanked, once again, all of the members for attending the Governor's Commission meeting. He encouraged increased participation for all 92 counties with the Commission members.

Ideas and Concepts for Next Meeting:

- ❖ Sheriff Mark Frisbie will provide a Meth-Lab presentation
- ❖ Amanda Thornton will be discussing the Indiana Meth Repository
- ❖ Strategic Planning process
- ❖ Sub-committee meeting schedules

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: December 19th, 2005